

**Kentucky Hazard Mitigation Council Meeting**  
**EOC Conference Room**  
**Boone Center Frankfort, KY 40601**  
**Wednesday April 10, 2013**  
**1:00 PM**

**Voting Members Present:**

John Heltzel, Director  
Leslie Kennedy, State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Lee Nalley, Department for Local Governments  
Carey Johnson, Kentucky Division of Water  
Nancy Price, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Susan Wilkerson, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security  
Joe Sullivan, National Weather Service  
Angela Satterlee, Hopkinsville Community Development Services  
Noah Taylor, Kentucky Division of Water

**Voting Members Absent:**

James Richerson, Kentucky Emergency Management Assistant Director  
Stephanie Robey, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Mike Hale, Department for Local Governments  
Jerry Rains, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Wendell Lawrence, Lincoln Trail Area Development District  
Paul Whitman, Shelby County Emergency Management Director  
Jim McKinney, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government

**Technical Advisors Present:**

Doug Eades, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Ann Culbertson, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Amanda LeMaster, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Geni Jo Brawner, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Todd Neal, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Ryan Hubbs, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Brian Gathy, University of Kentucky  
Esther White, University of Kentucky  
Ben Anderson, University of Louisville  
Nick Grinstead, University of Kentucky  
Josh Human, University of Louisville

**Guest:**

David Liebman, Kentucky Emergency Management  
Nate Kratzer, University of Kentucky  
Kendrick Vanderschmitt, University of Kentucky

### **Welcome - Meeting Call to Order:**

Leslie Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Ms Kennedy went over of the agenda for the meeting.

- By-laws
- HMGP Project Updates
- Planning Update
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Enhanced State Plan Update
- CHAMPS Trainings
- EMAP

### **By-Laws:**

Council was asked if new By-Laws had been read and reviewed. Floor was open for any discussion for any topics or issues that needed to be address before approval. Esther White inquired about Article 5 and how we intend to make schedule available to the public. General Heltzel noted this information will be posted on the Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) website. Leslie Kennedy opened the floor to approve the By-Laws. A primary motion to approve was made by Carey Johnson with a secondary motion made by Nancy Price. A formal vote was held and the motion passed 9-0 to approve the By-Laws.

### **HMGP Project Update**

Leslie Kennedy briefed the Hazard Mitigation Project Status slide. She discussed disasters from 2005 to present.

- Funded projects: 249
- Applications pending: 73
- Available funding: \$133,353,646
- Recently Awarded Projects
  - KYEM Emergency Operation Center Generator
  - Kenton County Banklick Drainage
  - Olive Hill Acquisition
  - Lincoln County Acquisition (Award over \$1 million)

### **Planning Updates:**

Brian Gathy briefed the Planning slides.

- 120 counties in Kentucky are all approved
- Gateway plan was in place as of 4/10/13
- U of L mitigation plan update is pending Presidential approval

General Heltzel discussed the need to get started this year lining up funding for several local hazard mitigation plans due in the next 3 years. He has instructed Mr. Gathy to write a statement in regards to Pre Disaster Mitigation funding and projected availability date in which he will send to FEMA in correspondence

### **Stakeholder Meeting Update:**

Ms LeMaster, Ann Culbertson, Esther White, Todd Neal, and Ryan Hubbs all gave a brief synopsis of stakeholder meetings. Please see below for the overall consensus of the meetings:

- All 15 conducted stakeholder meetings were highly successful in stressing the importance and relevance of hazard mitigation planning at the state and local level
- Positive feedback and input from all in 220 in attendees
- Meetings were all informative and brought out good discussion for potential mitigation projects and solutions and with identifying top hazards in each area
- Drought and earthquake awareness seem to be a top concern

General Heltzel requested that success stories on schools that have awarded mitigation projects to be used as marketing to get schools more involved with mitigation. General Heltzel also requested that after Sub-applicants do or do not receive funding, that notification be sent to the County Judge/Executive as well as the sub-applicants.

### **Enhanced State Plan Update:**

Nick Grinstead gave an update on the status on the Enhanced State Plan. Mr. Grinstead stated that the State plan is really an administrative story and in order to articulate mitigation goals and subsequent actions it is necessary to define what KYEM, UK and the Mitigation staff do. He also stated that the 2010 Plan was well written but left splotches open to tell the story.

- The Commonwealth Hazard mitigation plan is an opportunity to be explicit with how KYEM intends to operate its program

- The Commonwealth plans what FEMA and the locals see when they confront the administration of hazard mitigation to help prevent FEMA having to infer using their model
- To articulate mitigation administration goals and subsequent actions tied to Strategies
- Stakeholder Meetings help develop the mitigation goals and actions

### **CHAMPS Update:**

David Liebman gave an update on CHAMPS.

- 13 trainings have been complete across the Commonwealth
- Approximately 250 people have completed training
- 660 hours of training conducted

### **EMAP:**

Geni Jo Brawner gave a brief update on Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP)

- Voluntary assessment and peer review accreditation program
- Updated plan has to meet EMAP standards
- In October 2013, KYEM will undergo an EMAP on-site assessment.

General Heltzel discussed sending out materials to get feedback to improve overall documents and there will be an annual update on all documentation. He wants all of our documents to be socialized with KYEM partner agencies.

### **Closing Comments:**

- Leslie announced Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers (KAMM) conference will be the last week in August at General Butler.
- Carey Johnson, Nancy Price, and Noah Taylor distributed a handout regarding the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). They went over the importance of the NFIP and the impacts of non participation.